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TJC President Dr. Metke's Peace Corps experiences started the community service mission Project Costa Rica.

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Art department holds third annual Thunderdome where students submit art pieces that are destroyed if not picked as the winner.

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## Destruction at the Thunderdome



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# Fighting the Odds

MDA, community help children with muscular dystrophy



Photo by Haley Smith

By Haley Smith  
Managing Editor

The bright-eyed third grader keeps a straight face as he executes the complicated martial arts formations down the length of the crowded training room. His kicks aren't as high as the others and he's a bit on the thin side, but still he looks like a healthy, normal 10-year-old. No one would believe that this young boy who plays with LEGOS and likes to build science models was born with a genetic disorder that weakens his muscles and one day could take away his ability to run, walk or even stand.

Mark Taylor is the child of TJC math professor Shawn Taylor and was born with Muscular Dystrophy.

"He really loves building things with his LEGOS, creating different kind of, you know, Star Wars spaceship type things," Taylor said. "We've got some chickens out on our place where we live, a garden... lots of fruit trees you know he enjoys messing around outside with the chickens and the garden, playing with his little dog. He's just a typical boy. Interested in how things work and building stuff."

Mark has Congenital Muscular Dystrophy (MDA). According to mdausa.org, CMD involves generalized muscle weakness with possible joint stiffness or looseness. Depending on the type, CMD may involve spinal curvature, respiratory insufficiency, mental retardation, learning disabilities,

eye defects or seizures.

"He's had this physical weakness all of his life so he's, you know, used to it," Taylor said. "He still gets frustrated at times you know because of the lack of strength that he has compared to his older and younger sister, but Mark's type of muscular dystrophy is not completely immobilized him."

Mark, along with his father and two sisters, take martial arts classes weekly At Apple Fitness Center.

"He's really enjoyed that and has excelled well in that," Taylor said. "It's been a good thing for all of us to do as a family. He's so flexible because of the muscular dystrophy that his form is actually better than a lot of people's forms because, you know, we can get so stiff sometimes and he's kind of more noodle-ish, kind of limp, so it makes his form a lot more smooth and fluid like it's supposed to be."

The Muscular Dystrophy Association of Tyler, along with help from the East Texas community, including TJC Apache Chiefs, is raising money to help Mark and children like him go to annual summer camp for kids.

"They basically try to make it as much of a normal time for them as possible. It's really fun," Taylor said. "We don't have anyone in our family that has muscular dystrophy... there's no one in our family for him to associate with that got the challenges that he faces so he got to meet a lot of boys from East Texas area that suffered with this."

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**PRACTICES TIME:**  
Mark Taylor practicing his martial arts moves at his weekly class at Apple Fitness Center.

## TJC raises tuition to meet budget cut

By Jarah Wright  
Associate Editor

In a floundering economy, more and more students are going to community colleges but due to statewide cuts, Tyler Junior College is raising tuition nine percent to cover the economic shortfall.

"Raising tuition is always a last resort," said TJC President Dr. Mike Metke. "The state switched K-12 funding and implemented a business tax. They estimated they would get \$10 billion more revenue than they got. That is the root cause of this problem."

According to Metke, the gap between operations and anticipated house allocation was \$3.5 to \$4.5 million.

"This shortfall would greatly hurt our mission and our programs," said Metke. "We are having to make decisions so they won't cause great pain and future harm."

TJC is planning to raise tuition by nine percent. This will help cover the estimated \$3.5 million cut that the school is anticipating. The tuition raise will generate approximately \$2.3 million. The school is still researching avenues for generating the other \$1.2 million needed.

According to Interim Vice President of Business Affairs Sarah Van Cleef, TJC has already absorbed certain growth costs and can't afford to absorb anymore.

"We are funded every two years from the state," said Van Cleef. "They give funding based on back data. Since the last two-year period, TJC has grown between 18 to 22 percent. We have absorbed \$8 million in unfunded growth."

According to both Metke and Van Cleef, TJC has been looking for more ways to be efficient. This includes a hiring chill, scrutinizing travel, working with more adjunct teachers and student workers, and delaying campus projects.

Many other state agencies are also being affected by this budget deficit and those cuts are also being felt by the TJC community.

"TechShare works with our library to provide databases for students at a low rate," said Van Cleef. "They are having to raise their rates which is an additional \$154,000 that is not included in the \$4.5 million. We might not know about additional costs until the dust settles."

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# “Butt” out of our business

## TJC smokers leaving trash at public places

By Christopher Jones  
Verve Editor

The passing of the non-smoking policy last semester still has smokers in an uproar. Standing in the street to smoke a cigarette is not only dangerous to the smoker, but also to anyone driving on that particular street.

Smokers around TJC have wondered and complained among themselves as to why the school did not set up any designated smoking areas.

"I've gone to UT Austin to tour the campus and they had designated places to smoke," said Jacob Downs, sophomore and smoker.

The concerns, however, were making sure that the students respect the school grounds.

"The problems with the smoking areas that the Student Senate talked about was the enforcement of getting the students to use the areas, clean up of the area because even when we had ashtrays on the campus, students would still throw their butts on the ground," said MLiss Hindman, President of the Faculty Senate.

There were also health issues concerning the non-smoking students and those with medical conditions.

"For people with asthma, you would have to put the areas so far away, that it wouldn't affect them. Then the areas are not covered from the elements so you would have the expense of covering them. These all contributed to the Student Senate making the campus completely non-smoking," said Hindman.

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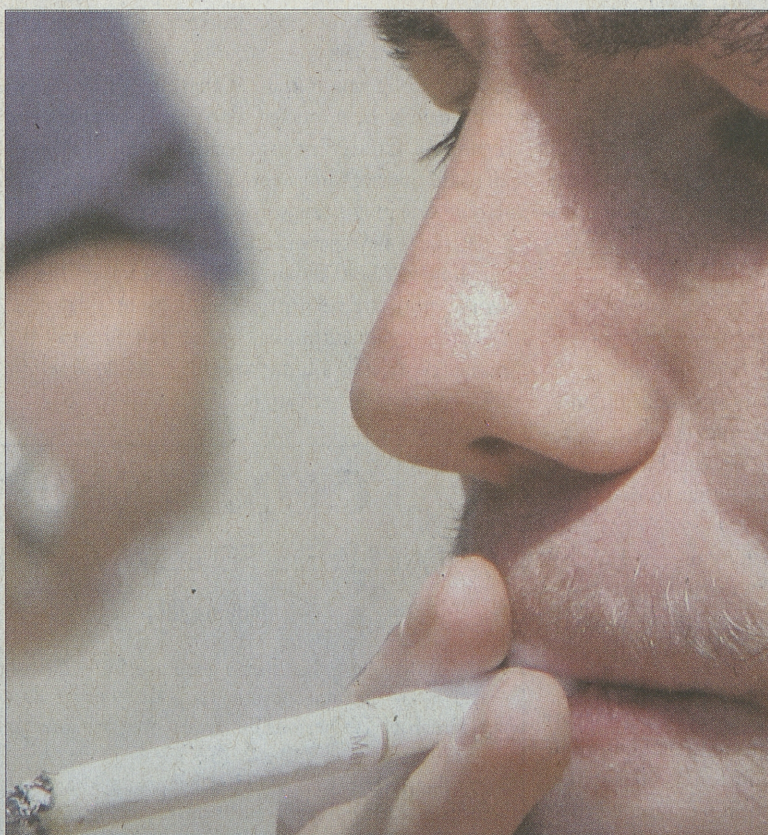


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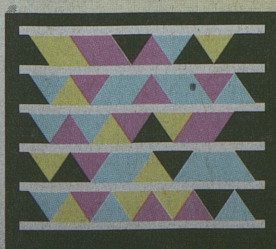
**BREAK TIME:** In the brick area outside Pirtle Technology Building Jacob Downs takes a cigarette break on public property.

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A photo sideshow with the children of students, faculty and staff during a school sponsored Easter egg hunt on Jenkins lawn.

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column

## Lessons we learn from life

And the world we all share in together...



By Joshua Mumphrey  
Editor-in-Chief

It seemed as if just yesterday, I sat down in front of my laptop and began writing my first opinion piece for all to read. Now here I am exactly five months later, in the very same place, thinking of an appropriate end to my column and to such an enjoyable and memorable semester.

It seems that I've made a lot of friends this year and lost some in the process as well. I've talked to a lot of amazing people and had a lot of people talk about me. I have shed a few tears, made a few cry and spent many long newsroom nights, my

closest colleagues and I, literally, laughing our troubles away.

Through it all, I got to know the true meaning of determination and most of all teamwork. I've gained so much in so little time having myself a taste of the bitter and of the sweet. I guess frankly, I've learned just to get along. It's better that way.

I do believe that "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you'll get" and boy, was I surprised more than a few times this semester when things didn't go according to plan.

So much in life comes unexpected or like this last column of mine, completely by surprise. It's up to us how we deal and also what we take from our situation or circumstance when everything is said and done.

We must think not as the typical college student, but as individuals and as human beings, to look objectively at the world and the problems in it. We must learn to see past our childish differences and actually grow up, taking up our role as

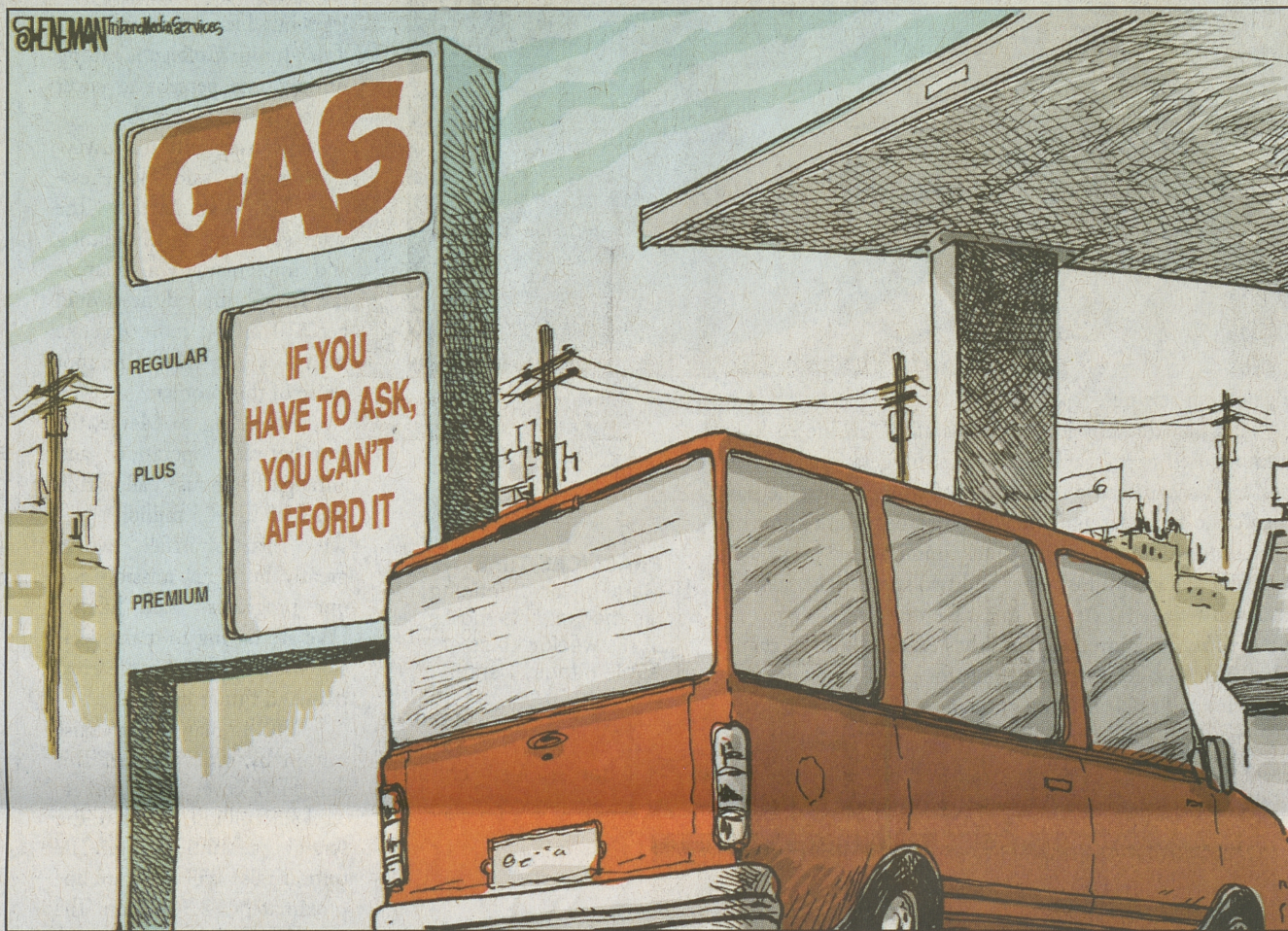
young adults in the real world and in our community.

Problems, struggles and shortcomings are what makes us who we are and what makes us all so different. We must be willing to take what we can from these mishaps, growing and thriving the best we

**"The lessons in life aren't always the ones we enjoy the most when learning."**

know how, drawing encouragement and support from one another.

Through a lot of life's pitfalls we can gain more knowledge and wisdom, if we are willing to look a little harder and a little deeper within. The lessons in life aren't always the one's we enjoy the most when learning, but they are what teaches us a little more about ourselves and this wonderful world we all share in together.



editorial

## Student Press Freedom takes turn for the worst

The staff at the University of Texas at Tyler's newspaper *The Patriot Talon* has been shaken with stress and confusion after losing their newspaper advisor under suspicious circumstances. Now they are having the freedom to publish what they want taken away from them. With this happening, it is important to realize how crucial the presence of college newspapers are, both for students and the campus.

Campus newspapers are media outlets that keep students and faculty informed on what's going on around campus. If there

**"Pre-approval is robbing college newspapers the right of free speech and is cutting deep at students' constitutional privileges."**

wasn't a college newspaper on campus, then how would students know what's happening on at their college and on their turf? Honestly, they wouldn't. They wouldn't know what's occurring on campus besides what's in the organizations that students are actually involved in.

Students in most public high school newspapers have to have the content of their paper approved by the administration before they can print their paper. Students on college newspapers get a promotion as reporters and are supposed to have the same rights as any press association, which means they need no administration approval to publish their paper. What if the mayor or the government was to pre-approve every city paper before it is sent to print, being able to refuse printing it if they did not like certain stories? Citizens would most likely become outraged that their rights were being taken away, and that a higher-power was choosing what is reported to them. This is the same thing with college newspapers. Pre-approval is robbing college newspapers the right of free speech and is cutting deep at students' constitutional privileges.

Freedom of the press means that if the information is fac-

tual, than nothing, not even college administration, can dictate what students put in the college newspaper. This is important because this means that student journalists can report anything important that is happening on campus, which includes things that shouldn't be occurring. Most importantly, it is the job of the student reporters to report corruption to the campus. If there weren't newspapers and other media outlets than there is no way the public would know if anything dishonest was occurring. Rights cannot be protected if no one knows their rights are being threatened. College newspapers are also outlets where students can share their opinions about issues happening on campus. They are only one of the few ways students' voices can be heard.

College newspapers and media are important organizations that shouldn't be taken away from campuses. The rights of these media outlets are pertinent towards equal treatment and following students' constitutional rights. Taking away the freedom of press at colleges is a blow towards the first amendment and the rights of being American.

## COMMENT

FAREWELL FELLOW READERS

May 6, 2011

"This semester has been a good one, but sadly it's time to say goodbye and for someone else to follow in our steps as editors and as journalists. We personally have enjoyed bringing you the news

compelling stories with all of you, but goodbye's aren't always forever. I thank each and every one of you for taking the time out to read our newspaper, honoring our hard work and dedication each week. The most important part about writing a story is not finishing it, but having someone else read it. So we are thankful to you, our readers, for making our stories worth our while. Farewell my friends."

- Editor, Joshua Mumphrey

## TJC COMMENTS

We care what you think...

Posted May 6, 2011

Response to: TOXIC LOVE: The dangers of STD's....

"We should pay more attention to sexual health. My crony got aids a few years ago. Life's tough for him sometimes. To help more people with STDs, we launched STDdatings.com in 2001, the exclusive STD support organization for people with Herpes (HSV 1, HSV 2), HIV, HPV, Hepatitis. If you're living with STDs, gratefully come visit us and add us as friend. Never live in your own dark corner."

### Second Response

TOXIC LOVE: DANGER OF STD'S

According to CDC, Human papilloma-virus (pap-ah-LO-mah-VYE-rus) (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted virus in the United States. At least 50 % of sexually active people will have genital HPV at some time in their lives. And some young have to choose some std dating site such as herpesmingle in order not to pass it to others."

Posted May 6, 2011

Response to: Summer Safety... Drinking drunk

"If you are going to drink and drive after a party, I think you should stay at the place and not drive."

One night my friends were in a car accident and one of them passed away. Since the accident, it has changed my life to not drink and drive.

The most important lesson I've learned is to be responsible. If you can't be responsible, then don't drink and drive.

Don't get drunk to the point of most college students. Things happen that way."

### What students think... on campus.

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FRESHMAN

- Marquita Bell

"We are a big high school. We have lanyard police, a campus curfew after 12 a.m. and no guests from other campuses allowed. It's too many rules."

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## News Briefs

### CAMPUS

#### TJC LINDALE EXPANDS

Tyler Junior College has entered into a lease agreement that will help expand TJC Lindale with an additional 2,700 square feet in the Identity Center Complex on North Main Street.

TJC Lindale will offer a basic nurses aid course with a new class starting each month from January-April 2011.

Basic nurses aide classes will meet Fridays from 4-10 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (with 30 min. lunches) and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. The class costs \$525.

#### VOCAL STUDENTS EXCEL

At the DFW National Association for Teachers of Singing spring competition, TJC students Taylor Gamblin and Sylvia D'Eramo received high honors.

Both Gamblin and D'Eramo advanced to semi-finals in their respective divisions. D'Eramo advanced to finals and placed first out of 45 participants.

More than 233 college students participated from schools such as the University of North Texas, UT-Tyler, UT-Arlington and Baylor University.

#### BELLES' FLOOR RENAMED

A wing of the Ornelas Residential Complex was dedicated in memory of a former Apache Belles director.

The fourth floor, occupied by the Apache Belles Line, was named the Eva Saunders Wing and dedicated in honor of the woman who served as Belles' director from 1963 to 1976.

The Al Gilliam Wing and Mildred Stringer Lounge were named in memory of the Belles' former choreographer and director.

#### ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

On April 29, TJC President Dr. Mike Metke and Tyler Mayor Barbara Bass planted a tree in the Ornelas Residential Complex courtyard.

The ceremony held before the tree planting shows TJC's involvement with the Tree Tyler Initiative. This initiative plans to plant 5,000 new trees within the city of Tyler by 2015.

# Honoring the promises of TJC

CASA volunteers and campus clubs provide community service to children of abuse

By Joshua Mumphrey  
Editor-In-Chief

In a Tyler mall, community members, volunteers and business men were seated in blue chairs outside a department store, to pay tribute to a traveling children's memorial set up and organized by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

The traveling memorial honors 227 children who lost their lives in 2010 due to abuse and neglect in Texas. Their names were displayed in black frames. That Wednesday was a special day for all who honored the cause. It was a time to remember and support the children of East Texas.

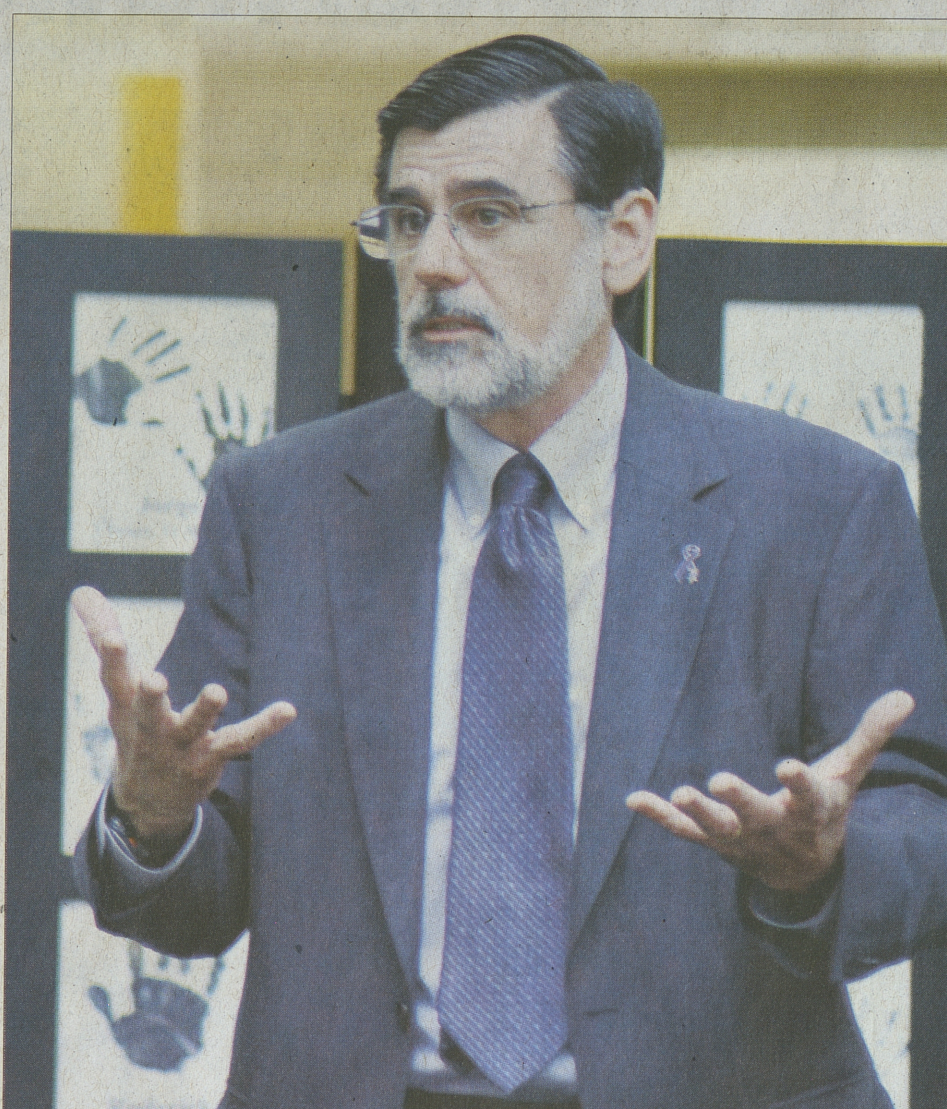
"The trail of tears just keep coming," said Michael Ace, Board Chair for CASA for Kids of East Texas. "Seeing a memorial like this is just tragic. One child lost to abuse and neglect is one child too many. But with us being an advocate, a voice, a constant in their lives, we can help them to not be further wounded."

The purpose of CASA is to help place abused and neglected children into loving homes and to advocate for them, making sure they don't get lost in the legal social service system and the wrong foster home. It allows them a second chance at life and the opportunity to function normally in society. But the organization is primarily volunteer driven, which means the support of community members and volunteers is a crucial part of its success and growth.

"We are trying to raise awareness and we need folks in the community to help out," Ace said. "You don't have to be [very educated in a particular field,] you just have to have a passion for helping kids and the willingness to learn."

Ace emphasized the importance of the organization.

"I see CASA as an organization that steps in and trains



**"You look at a memorial like this and you just can't seem to understand. You just can't even imagine how that young of a life could be taken."**

people who know the legal rights of a child, taking the time to visit these kids in their homes and really evaluating their situation, making a positive change," he said.

The traveling memorial that displayed hand and footprints of the children who died last year added a more personal and emotional attachment to the cause and to the kids.

Joe Gagen, CEO of Texas CASA, quickly walked over to the memorial of all 227 children displayed in glass.

"You look at a memorial like this and you just can't seem to understand... Jadia is a month old and Carlos is less than a month. You just can't even imagine how that young of a life could be taken. That's what I think, makes this display so powerful. It makes you want to get involved."

The Apache Press Club and Phi Theta Kappa showed their support for the cause, learning what it means to serve the CASA Kids of East Texas while honoring one of the three promises of TJC: community service. More than a dozen TJC students helped host the annual fundraiser Justice Is Served that Friday, April 15.

"I have learned what exactly CASA is and what it does for our community," said Samantha Richardson, President of Phi Theta Kappa.

Richardson explained how she is fortunate to have a loving family and how through their support, she has helped make a difference.

"Community service opens up your eyes to all the little blessings we take for granted," she said. "I'm grateful to have a good, loving, supportive family and I'm glad that my small effort made a difference in at least one child's life. It was fun, easy and only took a couple of hours out of a Friday night. It was memorable and most of all, well worth it."



#### FUNDRAISER

#### CASA Donations

Last year, the Justice is Served event raised over \$70,000 and this year the organization raised \$85,000 for abused children.



Photos by Joshua Mumphrey

#### LENDING A HAND:

Top: Joe Gagen, CEO of Texas CASA, speaks to a seated crowd at the children's memorial at a local mall in Tyler.

#### MEMORIALIZING:

Middle: The hand and foot prints of children lost to abuse and neglect in Texas in 2010 was on display for all to observe Wednesday.

#### MEETING THE NEED:

Bottom: Michael Ace, Board Chair right, and Kimberly Abeldt Vice President, left of CASA came out to show their support, speaking about the organization's cause and efforts.

# The painful truth about meningitis

Students must get shots before living on-campus

By Madeline Munoz  
Staff Writer

Laws concerning meningitis vaccinations changed in January 2010, directly affecting the requirements to live on a Texas college campus.

Meningitis is a disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. It is caused by a viral or bacterial infection.

"It is now a Texas state law that anyone living on a college campus must have a bacterial meningitis shot," said Patti Ramey, Residential Life Coordinator at Tyler Junior College.

According to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, viral meningitis is usually less severe than bacterial meningitis and clears up without any specific treatment. But bacterial meningitis can leave its host with brain damage, hearing loss or learning disabilities. People ages 16-21 have the highest rates of this disease, which is one reason the shot is now required. The effectiveness of this vaccination lasts about five years.

"I think there is a good basis for requiring meningitis vaccinations on campus. Even though it is not a highly common disease, it is easily spread through

students that are in close contact with one another," said Joseph Hallman, a representative with the UT Health Science Center.

Bacterial meningitis is contagious. It is spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions by activities such as coughing, sneezing, and kissing. The main symptoms of meningitis are high fever, headache, and a stiff neck.

"Any college in Texas, two-year or four-year, now requires the vaccination to live on campus. If you are a student that does not live on campus, it is not required," said Ramey.

The Texas State Health Department has a request form on their website for people who wish to be exempt from the vaccination for reasons of conscience. The reasons are usually religious. Students may also be exempt from the shot if a physician decides that the vaccine would be hazardous to their overall health and well-being. If a student does choose to be exempt from this vaccination, they will be denied access to live on any college campus in Texas.

"The shot is somewhat costly, because the vaccination is difficult to make, but most people's insurance should cover at least some of it," said Hallman.

The TJC website states that students wishing to live on campus at TJC must be able to show proof of their bacterial meningitis vaccine 10 days prior to moving in to their residence hall.

"I remember getting my meningitis shot before I moved into the dorms last year," said TJC freshman Amelia McGovern. "It actually didn't really hurt and

**"All adolescents should get the vaccination, even if they do not plan to live on campus. It's a good precaution to take."**

I'm happy that now I won't get meningitis."

A 19-year-old TJC baseball player, Austin Phillips, died in 2005 from bacterial meningitis. This was before the vaccination was required and it is tragic stories like his that have led to the new requirements that are in place today.

"All adolescents should get the vaccination, even if they do not plan to live on campus. It's a good precaution to take," said Hallman.





Photo Illustration by Joshua Mumphrey

## UT-Tyler newspaper adviser fired from job

By Joshua Mumphrey  
Editor-In-Chief

When Vanessa Curry first began her career at the University of Texas at Tyler, she never imagined 11-years later that the college would be telling her to leave.

During the most physically and mentally draining time in her life, facing brain surgery and frequent trips to the doctor's office, she was left without a job and without insurance to cover her medical expenses for her upcoming operation.

"I was blindsided," Curry said. "I asked to see the chairman of the [communication] department to discuss what we were going to do about our move to a new location, but when I showed up for the meeting I noticed the chairman was joined with the assistant dean. They preceded to tell me, that the college was not renewing my contract. I couldn't believe that it was actually happening. It was just so surreal for me."

Some students who attend a few of Curry's classes felt threatened to give their names, afraid of the repercussions of speaking out against her. They described how Curry repeatedly embarrassed them in front of their friends and classmates.

Curry expressed her concerns regarding the college's decision. She wondered if someone had complaints against her, why she wasn't notified before this sort of action was taken, giving her time to address and rectify the situation before resulting in her permanent dismissal from the University.

"Not knowing exactly what these complaints were and who was making them, are very puzzling to me," Curry said. "I haven't been told much about what was done wrong. I can't defend myself or what my students have done or written about, when I don't know what the complaints are. If someone had a complaint, I wish I had the chance to address them before it reached this point."

Members of *The Patriot Talon*, UT-Tyler's student newspaper were aggravated due to the lack of communication regarding many issues within their department.

"At this particular college, it's all or nothing," said Kamren Thompson editor-in-chief of the *Talon*. "Not talking to anyone like ever, is pretty typical of this university. If there is a problem, you never know it until it's to this point. No one has talked to us despite a rumor we heard from a source about an investigation, which apparently turned out to be true."

Despite the claims and complaints, the staff of the *Talon* believes the college's actions are based on a different motive. The department has undergone changes in the last few semesters, forcing the *Talon* to move across campus in order to allow more room for a computer lab to take their place. The newspaper wrote an editorial about the move, expressing their concerns and as a result, they believe that led to the firing of their adviser.

"Specifically, it wasn't entirely about the move but about how they never talk to us about anything," Thompson said.

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## International Help



## Peace Corps experience sparks Project Costa Rica

By Caylee Stamps  
Staff Writer

19 year-old Mike Metke, on American Peace Corps volunteer, re-adjusted his rifle while he waited patiently in the heavy Costa Rican rainfall, eyes scanning the rainforest floor for any detection on motion of dinner scurrying along in the thick bush.

This was nothing out of the ordinary for the Peace Corps volunteers in the rural area of Las Lilas, a small community in the Northwest region of Costa Rica.

"There were a lot of wild animals and we had no refrigeration, so what we ate was either something someone had grown or that we went out and shot. I carried a rifle and a scabbard," the former volunteer said recently as he recalled his adventures during the two-year service.

In between hunting escapades, Metke helped build a new school, form a village council and a school board in order to maintain self-government.

At the time of his service, the country was filled with a Kennedy-inspired focus and excitement to take part in giving back to the country through universal service. One of the missions of the Peace Corps at that time was for the volunteers to bring their experiences back. The volunteer explained his reasoning for service.

"Part of it was not knowing what I wanted to do and the other part was a sense of adventure."

This volunteer's well-used smile lines form their usual crease at the corner of his eyes when he recalls the "adventure" it had really been.



Courtesy Photos

**VISITING COSTA RICA:** Top: Two young girls in the Costa Rican village. Left: A volunteer helps paint an addition to the school in Las Lilas, Costa Rica. Bottom: Several Costa Ricans unload a cart full of lumber.



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## TJC camps provide fun opportunities for children

By Jasmine Millican  
Staff Writer

TJC offers different types of summer camps, from athletic camps to drama camps and even a camp to build robots out of LEGO's.

Robert Mahon, director of the Ornelas HPE Center and assistant football coach, estimated 150-200 kids attend the summer camps each year, aging from 4 to 15-years-old. There are approximately 17 different camps offered.

"It's providing fun things to do in the summer for the kids so they aren't stuck in the house," said Mahon.

LEGO Robotics and C.S.I (crime scene investigation) camps are the most in demand. Each of those camps has a capacity of about 12 students, yet there are always more kids wanting to participate. Another one of the popular camps is Center Stage, a drama camp, which has about 20 kids participate each session.

Lego Robotics camp is geared for ages 10 to 12. The camp will allow kids to design and build robots with a programming

camp used by the actual LEGO Company. The members of this camp will be split up into teams and have a different challenge each day on building the robot. Megan Ballard will be the camp instructor this year and had been an assistant instructor in the past.

"Hopefully, I'd just like to get them [the kids] interested in engineering," said Ballard. Ballard is also a part of the UT-Tyler Robotics team. "I was thinking about bringing one of our robots and showing it to the kids."

The C.S.I camp is for ages 9-12 and it will introduce the participants to some of the actual laboratory and crime scene techniques used by real investigators. They will also learn about evidence collection and dusting for fingerprints. The camp will be headed by Campus Safety Officer BJ Williams.

There will be about three water-based camps, including an aquatic camp, scuba diving and open water certification. The aquatic camp is for kids ages 8-11 and provides introductory work to swimming skills. Whereas those who are already comfortable with the water can take a scuba diving class and/or get

their open water certification.

"I think that they will have fun in summer camp, especially my oldest daughter Ashley," said Bullard mother Tiffany Stephens.

Stephens' 11 year-old Ashley and 8-year-old Christian are already excited about the camps.

"The kids are having a hard time just picking one," said Stephens, "If it was up to them, they'd go to every single one offered."

Stephens' youngest child Luci, 2, is too young for camp but that isn't stopping Stephens from planning ahead.

"When Luci turns 4, I think she may like the pony camp," said Stephens.

There will also be several athletic camps offered along with the activity camps. For more information on athletic camps visit [www.apacheathletics.com/t/Apache\\_Camps.php](http://www.apacheathletics.com/t/Apache_Camps.php) or call (903) 510-2458. For information on activity camps go to [www.tjc.edu/hpcenter/summercamps](http://www.tjc.edu/hpcenter/summercamps).



# A day in the life of Campus Safety

By Howard Slacum  
Staff Writer

The sun has barely broken the Friday morning horizon and officer Jimmy Vickers already finds himself in a fight to restore order. This morning's offender has a notorious record that has caused problems for many people: it is the infamous computer glitch.

He is at his desk in the Campus Safety office struggling to pull up a video. The desk itself is a reflection of order. There are no stacks of paper or cluttering knickknacks. The only thing that seems out of place is the bottle of T-9 bicycle lubricant.

That and the bicycle tire leaning against the drawers of his desk.

Looking at him, it would be hard to tell that the soon to be victorious computer was winning. Only the occasional tightening of his eyebrow displays his puzzlement. Throughout the ordeal, he never sighs, groans or pantomimes throwing the computer out the window--something his academy training, fitness routine and miles of riding during his daily beat as a bicycle cop have conditioned him to be well-capable of doing. Instead, the peace officer and Minister of Music at his church keeps his calm.

Corporal Jimmy Vickers has a hard, stern face and speaks with a deep resonating voice. But when he talks about the uncooperative computer, a smile and a small laugh breaks the stone image. The computer could have been one of his two children being mischievous but harmless and, in the grand scheme of things, even amusing.

He finds the amusing side in some of the little frustrations that are part of the job, such as the tire that is propped against his desk. The pesky tire had been erratically losing air.

"Biking spoils you," he said. "I love it. Of course, you're more visible. A lot of the instructors compliment us on it because they like the idea that we're out there and we're close," said Vickers.

He pauses then laughs.

"I like it because number one, the rest of the guys, when they get a call, have to find a parking spot," he said.

In the room with him are Corporal Peggy Scott, an investigator and liaison to the Director of Student Judicial Programs and, further across the small room, Corporal Mike Moseley, the department's primary investigator and a 20-year Campus Safety veteran.

His boss, Director of Campus Safety "Chief" Randy Melton is also present. Melton brought the tire in this morning after having picked it up from being repaired. He's grinning.

"It's really exciting police work here," said Melton.

Vickers' personable nature is an important part of his roles both as a bike patrol officer, of which he is also the team's supervising officer, and as the coordinator of the TJC ambassadors. He likes being visible and interacting with the people he is responsible for protecting.

Building a sense of community is important to Executive Director of Campus Safety Tom Johnson, and he has noticed Vickers' efforts.

"We're trying to make it so that the police officers are part of the community and not separate from the community. We've been working real hard on that," Johnson said. "I know that Cor-



Photo by Howard Slacum

**WORKING THE STREETS:** Campus safety officer, Jimmy Vickers, is followed throughout his day serving as an officer of the peace at Tyler Junior College.

poral Jimmy Vickers has developed a really big, good network of working with students to try to help them out and things of that nature."

Today, Vickers is spending some time patrolling in a car and on foot.

His first task is taking the campus's daily deposit to the bank. Vickers was a Campus Safety guard for 14 years before going through the police academy and becoming an officer in May 2010. While at the bank, he talks fondly about how his wife of nearly 15 years is a source of strength for him. Then his eyes narrow slightly. His jaw tightens for a moment before he recounts some unsettling news he received as part of his early training at the academy.

"They told us in the academy that for law enforcement officers, [there are] three things that they're prone to have to deal with. Number one is suicide. The other is alcoholism, and the other one is divorce," he said.

Spirituality is also a big part of how he manages the stress that the job puts on him and his family.

"We're a spiritually grounded family. We put God first," he said.

While he is concluding his business at the bank, he gets a call on his radio. Someone reported that someone outside of the Potter building was not in compliance with the lanyard policy. He presses the gas pedal and the powerful police car surges. But that exhibition of acceleration does not lead to any sirens or TV-style police driving. He is in a hurry, but he controls his speed, stops at every stop sign and signals at every turn.

When he parks the car, he again comments on how much faster he is able to respond on his bike. There's no fussing with

parking and he can get just about anywhere on campus within 30 seconds instead of having to walk.

As it turns out, today's car and foot approach slowed him down long enough for the alleged violator to move on.

Outside Potter Hall, Chief Melton and Corporal Moseley arrive en route to another destination. Melton says that Vickers is shy. There is brief banter about Vickers' suggestion that the department implement a mandatory physical training regiment for all of the officers. Knowing Vickers was joking, the gray-haired and much older Moseley feigns a look of fear which causes the men to laugh.

Melton and Moseley resume travelling to their destination and Vickers decides to spend some time enforcing the lanyard policy. Every time he stops a student, he pulls out his Blackberry and checks their name against a database of previous offenders. He may have a sense of humor and use it often, but if a student is on the list then they will get a ticket and could face disciplinary action.

For Vickers and other Campus Safety officers, consistently enforcing the policy is a critical element in providing a safe campus.

"Most of my on-site arrests stemmed from people that are not wearing lanyards," Vickers said. "And we find out that they are up here for no good. We prevent a lot of stuff."

TJC serves a diverse community, part of which is young children who come to the campus.

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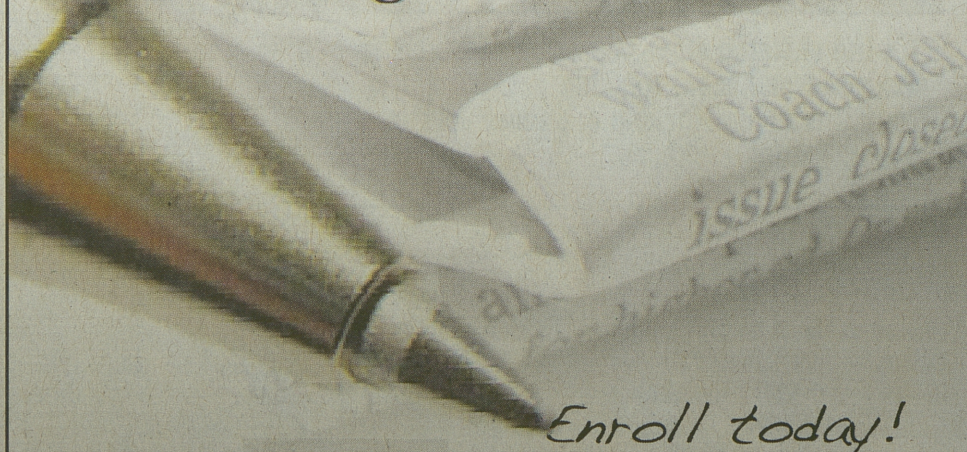
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# Behind the curtain

## The unsung heros of theater work their magic

By Christopher Jones  
Staff Writer

The actors are in place, the lights come on, and the play begins. Those that make this possible are hiding backstage waiting on cues.

The unsung heroes of the theater are the ones never seen. The lighting techs, the costume designers, the make-up artists and the set builders are never in the spotlight that they so painstakingly make perfect.

"The point of a tech is to not be seen or heard. No one in the audience is suppose to know they are there," said sophomore Sydney Walter. "Tech is amazing. It's a beautiful aspect and it helps create the show as much as the actor does."

A lot of long hours go into making the set, the costumes, and props. Long nights are spent working on the visual aspects of the play.

"Most of our wardrobe is made by hand. This show in particular, the style of clothing is out so we have to make our own," said sophomore Kayla Belk.

Many times the props have to be built by hand because the school does not have the budget to buy or even rent.

To watch a play, you see the set, backdrop, and props

already finished, but the work that goes into this creation is time consuming and hard.

To get the lights and cues right, the lighting tech and the stage manager have to get the actors in place, then try different lights to ensure the actor and scenery are both lit properly. This continues until every scene and act is completed.

"There is no theater without your tech department," said Rebecca Faulds, professor of Speech/Theater. "To do true theater, you need the space, the audience, the actors, costume and lights because it all comes together to create the picture."

Everyone in the theater department knows and understands what goes into making the set and the other technical aspects of the play.

"We expect our techies to get up on stage and audition for a big show so they can understand what the actors do as well as having the actors do tech work so they can appreciate and understand what the techs do," said Faulds.

Doing this gives the actors and techs opportunities to see and take part in all the aspects of theater.

"I've never been a stage manager before. I feel like I'll appreciate what the backstage people do whenever I am an actor and what they have contributed to the

show," Belk said.

The people backstage do not receive as much spotlight as the actors, but this does not affect the way they feel about their jobs.

"It's not essential. Because I know as well as the other crews backstage, we worked our butts off to build an incredible set and amazing lights. We don't need the

**"The point of a tech is to be seen or heard. No one in the audience is suppose to know they are there. It's a beautiful aspect and it helps create the show as much as the actor does."**

recognition to know that we put on the best show we could," said Walter.

These attitudes are what make the play worthy of seeing. The best actors in the world could perform on stage, but if the set and lighting are off, the play is not as good.

The actors at TJC are phenomenal, but the next time you see a play, give a little extra clap to those you don't see on the stage.

## The Art of "Destruction"



Photos By Haley Smith

**BREAKING DOWN ART:** The demolition began when students who participated in Thunderdome tore other students art work apart, after losing in a vote between student pieces.

## Art students sacrifice their work for money, art and fame

By Haley Smith  
Staff Writer

On the grassy area outside Jenkins a large crowd of students and faculty gather. Sounds of screaming and power tools, against the background of various rock tunes, disturb the peacefulness that would regularly come with a Wednesday afternoon. Murder is occurring,

This is the annual TJC Art Club Thunderdome, a contest where students submit their original art pieces and the art that does not win is destroyed.

"You enter the Thunderdome by showing up before the event and just entering your piece and we assign all the pieces a number and then in a random drawing we pull out two num-

**"It's fun to watch other peoples artwork being destroyed and them freaking out. It's not so much when your freaking out about your own artwork getting destroyed."**

bers and those pieces go head to head."

The prize for winning the Thunderdome is \$100, an art piece from one of the art professors, an exhibition in Vaughn Library and not getting their art destroyed. Art major Megan Bryant won the 2011 Thunderdome.

"We select a juror panel from three members of the audience that's gathered around just randomly and then they pick which one they feel has the most dynamic visual interest and they can be as subjective in their decision as they want to," White said. "The one piece that advances to the next round stays alive, the other piece is destroyed by the Annihilators."

The Annihilators are select students, clad in wrestling masks, who get to destroy the art.

"It's fun to watch others people artwork being destroyed and them freaking out," art major Jennifer Motes said. "It's not so much when you're freaking out about your own art work getting destroyed. It's a good thing to do at the end of the year, to get rid of some frustration and stress."

The Annihilators use various tools to destroy the art pieces in an entertaining way to the audience.

"It was just part of the conversation that we originally had," White said. "It would be interesting to have just kind of some entertainment value to it, some showmanship of having someone come out and destroy these in kind of creative ways. So we have blowtorches and saws and hammers and all kinds of stuff."

The idea of the Thunderdome came up between conversation between White and fellow art professor Paul Jones.

"The Thunderdome started as a conversation over lunch between myself and professor Paul Jones trying to come with a way to add more excitement and an adrenaline rush to visual art," White said. "So in an effort to have a more vibrant student life, what if art were a competition and what if there was something on the line and artists had invested something where they had something to lose."

The inspiration of the Thunderdome was not only entertainment, but to teach aspiring artists.

"The inspiration behind Thunderdome is for artists to make the best possible art work they can, to make a piece that's good enough that the audience wouldn't dare destroy it because it's so good and I encourage my students as strongly as I can to do that."

The destruction of the art also teaches a lesson.

"Another aspect of the inspiration on Thunderdome besides making the best art piece that you can make is to also, allow yourself as the creator of an artwork, be willing to let it go," White said. "To not get so emotionally tied to your project after you've out your blood, sweat and tears into something that you're not willing to part with it."

## SkyVue theatre proves entertaining and family-friendly

By Taylor Belt  
Staff Writer

In front of the Old Tyler Trades Day building, a red, blue, and white Skyvue sign lit up, and below on a marquee lists all the movies playing this week. Although it looks like nothing special, the Skyvue experience is waiting.

A gravel trail and Christmas lights lead the way into the movies. A ticket booth greets the entrance with two signs that read "Cash and Checks Only" and "Please buy your tickets at the concession stand." The temptation to buy homemade pizza, popcorn, candy, and drinks, makes just purchasing tickets unbearable.

Tall trees and neatly-mowed grass helps set the stage for Skyvue, while a blue building projects the movie on a tall white screen in the center of the theatre. The sky is pitch black with tiny specks of light that comes from the stars, and the pre-set radio is on full blast as the surround sound comes through the car.

Ronda Phillips and her family operate and own the only drive-in theatre in Tyler that takes pride in being family-friendly.

"This is a family theatre. We do not play R-Rated movies. It's a place you can take your kids," said Phillips.

Even though the theatre doesn't play R-Rated movies, this doesn't stop locals and college students from still wanting to get in on the action.

"I prefer it because of the relaxed atmosphere," said local Tyler resident Sofia Herrea.

Some prefer the feeling of privacy.

"You're in your personal space with your own car. You don't have to worry about annoying people in the regular movies," said Jerron Walker, a student at Tyler Junior College. "Just overall, you have that feeling of your own privacy."

The option is also given to customers to bring blankets, lawn chairs and sleeping bags, so the customers don't feel confined to just their car.

"You can sit in your car, your lawn chairs," said Phillips. "The kids get in sleeping bags and under covers"

Skyvue shows why it isn't the traditional theatre.

"I want families to leave knowing that families are welcomed," said Phillips. "We have several families with kids who have Down-Syndrome, and in walk-in movies, they're told to 'shut up' or 'sit down', but here we make them feel welcomed. It's all about the kids."

Skyvue isn't just for the families. It can be a nice date for couples as well.

"For two adults it'll be \$12.81, and for a large popcorn, drink and a free refill it'll be \$9.34. That's a pretty cheap date," said Phillips.

Movie goes agree.

"I went out there on a date. It's inexpensive. There's nothing out there that's pricey. I mean you go to Carmike and pay \$3 for a box of candy," said Walker. "That don't make [any] sense."

While the prices for other movie theatres can range from six the nine dollars offering student discounts. Skyvue offers their customers a deal that they can watch two movies and pay only six dollars per person.

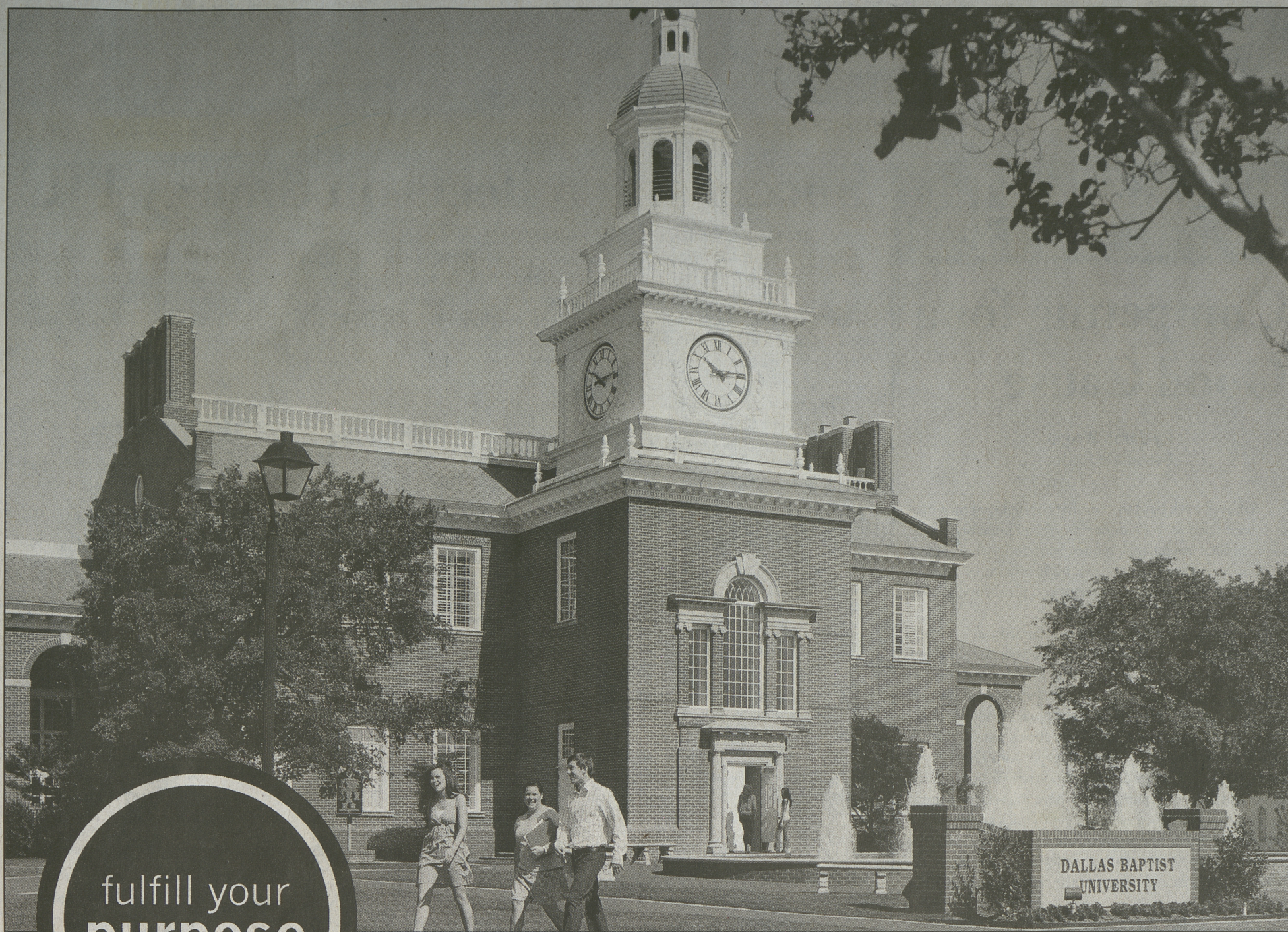
"We don't have discounts because it's six dollars for two movies," said Phillips.

The drive-in opens at 7:30 p.m. and movies began to play promptly at 8:00 p.m.

"We open at 7:30 p.m. and movies start when it gets dark," said Phillips.

The community can also go to tylerdrivein.com to look for movies playing that week and also request movies.





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## AROUND THE HORN

### Competing for a Good Cause

By Jarah Wright  
Associate Editor

Athletes work hard to earn that coveted spot on a major league team and a contract worth millions of dollars. Some athletes spend that money wastefully while others see it as an opportunity to give back to communities in need. Many athletes use their status as a platform and have started charities.

I was flipping channels when it landed on "60 Minutes." I was about to change the channel when a story about Albert Pujols appeared. Pujols is the first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals and is widely regarded as one of the best players in baseball. He started the Pujols Family Foundation in 2005. According to the foundation's website, two of the foundation's goals are to help people with Down Syndrome and help families living in impoverished conditions in the Dominican Republic. They have organized medical missions that send doctors in to treat the sick and provided new mattresses for homes where many people have to share old, tattered mattresses that are water-soaked. Pujols continues to give time and energy to the causes that matter the most to him.

Andy Roddick began the Andy Roddick Foundation in 2001. According to the foundation's website, their goal is "Serving Children Today for Tomorrow." The foundation has raised over \$10 million to improve the quality of life and enhance educational opportunities for all children based on certain principles like family and morality. In 2001, the foundation began the Back to Basics Angel Uniform Program. Through this program, over 10,000 new school uniforms have been distributed to needy children.

Perhaps one of the most well-known athlete charities is the Lance Armstrong Foundation, more commonly known as Livestrong. In 1996, cyclist Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer, which had spread to his abdomen, lungs and brain. He had aggressive treatment and eventually overcame the cancer. He founded the Lance Armstrong Foundation the next year. The foundation offers support for people going through cancer and raises funds to help advance cancer research. In 2004, the foundation began a campaign selling yellow Livestrong wristbands. By 2005, the foundation had sold more than 55 million of them. Since 1997, the foundation has raised more than \$400 million that has gone to programs that help patients in their fight against cancer.

Several members of the Texas Rangers baseball team help with local charities as well as their own.

Starting pitcher C.J. Wilson co-founded C.J. Wilson's Children's Charities five years ago with Robert Champagne. Wilson met Champagne's son Micah, who suffers from hemophilia and aspergers. The purpose of the charity, according to their website, is to raise funds, awareness and youth participation in community service and charitable giving. Wilson hosts events that benefit local children's charities in and around the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex area. On April 21, 2011, Wilson held his third annual "Strike Out" bowling tournament in Arlington. All the proceeds of this event went to the Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. He has also held Guitar Hero charity events in the past where fans can play Guitar Hero against Rangers players like Wilson and all the funds raised went to children's charities like the Texas Hemophilia Camp.

Michael Young works with Wipe Out Kids' Cancer. According to their website, they are a Dallas-based non-profit founded in 1980 dedicated to raising awareness and funding for pediatric cancer research on a national basis. Young and his wife Cristina help provide scholarships on a national basis to pediatric cancer survivors who are now attending college.

Josh Hamilton founded Triple Play Ministries, a sports ministry that focuses on overcoming obstacles, reaching out to the community and participating in mission projects around the world. Baseball camps are held at the Ballpark in Arlington where Hamilton teaches batting, fielding and base running tips while incorporating lessons on how to make good choices in life. One of the organization's mission projects in the past was to raise money for Arise Africa in Uganda, a project that focused on completing an orphanage that was being built to house 50 homeless children.

Just like Uncle Ben said to Peter Parker in "Spider-man," with great power comes great responsibility. These athletes are taking that responsibility seriously and are proving to be great examples of how to change the world one ball, racquet, mile or hit at a time.

## Soccer star reflects on time at TJC

By Mollie Jamison  
Staff Writer

Twelve men sat around a table. They looked up at their proud coach who was smiling from ear to ear, and they scribbled their John Hancock's as cameras flashed in every direction.

The man in the middle was TJC soccer player Dominic James Dwyer, better known as Dom. The London, England native signed with the University of South Florida after juggling his many options.

"After the first day, I had fallen in love with the place. The facilities were amazing; the coaches were good coaches and good people. I got along with my teammates and I felt comfortable around them," said Dwyer.

He had offers from a handful of schools, but narrowed it down to five—South Carolina, South Florida, Indiana, St. Johns and Santa Barbara. He even got a call from the University of Akron. They are the number one team in the country and the national champions. The reason his talent attracted so much attention was because of his successful two seasons in America.

"I won [the] national player of the year award, which is a huge achievement for me personally. But I think my biggest achievement and most special is winning the national championship and it being here at TJC in front of a home crowd," said Dwyer.

He thanked his team too, saying he never could have won a personal award without the team winning and getting recognition.

"I like individual achievement but to me, the team is more important. So it's nice to share an achievement with them because if it wasn't for them, I would have never won the national player of the year award," said Dwyer.

Dwyer's coach, Steve Clements, also received coach of the year. Dwyer said that neither his coach nor parents pressured him on deciding where to go to college next.

"My parents and my coach did not

really give me their opinions on where they would prefer me to go because they wanted the decision to be totally mine," said Dwyer. "They were really good about that and my parents along with my coach were very pleased with the final decision I made."

Clements said that he tries to stay neutral when his players are deciding on a school.

"If they have a hard time at the next school, they might blame it on me," said Clements. "They are the ones that have to live there the next two years. Most of the time it comes down to scholarships, and which school is going to give more scholarship dollars."

Dwyer seemed confident in his college choice with much evidence to support it.

"I just look forward to playing Division I soccer. I want to play at a high level and keep improving and I felt South Florida has the right coaches and facilities for me to do that. The stadium is brand new and amazing, so I really look forward to playing in that too," said Dwyer.

Joseph Setchell, Dwyer's teammate, roommate, and friend for almost 10 years, has already seen him evolve as a player since arriving at TJC in 2009.

"He is a better player now. He is stronger because here we practice everyday instead of back home where we only practiced twice a week," said Setchell.

Clements said that only one person in TJC history has scored more goals than Dwyer and that player now plays profes-

sionally.

"Dominic knows how to score goals. Most teams look for that," said head coach Clements. "His class will get a lot of exposure from the schools they signed with. They will definitely have opportunities."

After college, Dwyer hopes to continue his love of soccer by playing it professionally.

"I want to be a professional soccer player. I am trying to be smart and go to school to have a degree to fall back on if things don't work out with soccer or if I get an injury or even just if I want to do something after I finish playing soccer," said Dwyer. "My major is a ISS degree which is half psychology and

half communications."

His family and teammates have always been important to him, but when it comes to soccer there is one person in particular that he looks up to.

"My role model is Thierry Henry who currently plays in the U.S. for the New York Red Bulls," said Dwyer. "He used to play in England for a team called Arsenal and then he moved to Spain and played for Barcelona before he moved to the U.S. I love the way he plays, his attitude and his quality on the ball. He is the reason I wear [the] number 14."



## World Series showcases Tyler

By Jarah Wright  
Associate Editor

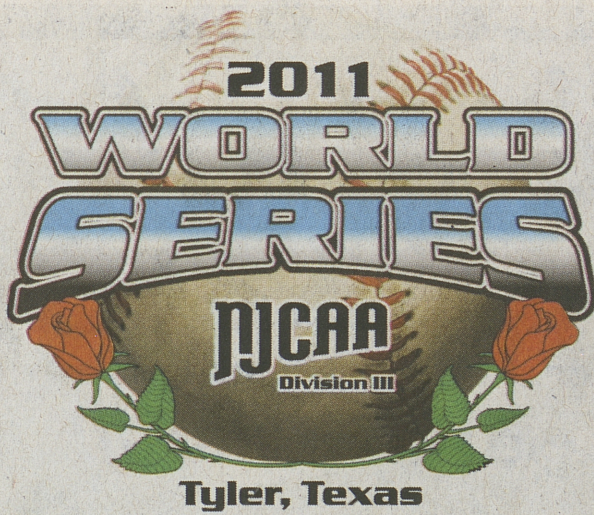
All baseball players aspire to have the highest honor: winning the World Series. Having it on your home turf is an advantage. That is the opportunity that awaits the Tyler Junior College baseball team that is working toward the NJCAA Division III World Series that will be held in Tyler at historic Mike Carter Field.

TJC is currently on their second three-year cycle of the World Series bid. According to former TJC baseball coach Jon Groth, getting the World Series to Tyler was a welcome change.

"I would go to national meetings and the administrator in charge of each division tournament would give reports," said Groth. "The Division III tournament was held in New York. It would snow during the tournament in May. The administrator would say everything is OK. The field is OK. The World Series shouldn't just be OK. I told [Tim] Drain [TJC athletic director] that we should put in a bid. We got with the chamber and got the bid."

After winning the bid, Groth went to the NJCAA World Series held in Grand Junction, Colo. to see how they ran their tournament.

"The tournament in Grand Junction is a big deal. It's like going to Omaha [home of the NCAA Men's College Baseball World Series]," said Groth. "I talked to the chairman and sat in on their final meeting before the tournament. Every person in the room represented a com-



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**REPRESENTING TYLER:** The logo for the World Series showcases what Tyler is best known for, roses.

mittee. Their volunteer effort was tremendous."

According to Groth, the tournament in Grand Junction lasted about two weeks. They patterned the tournament in Tyler after the Grand Junction tournament.

A World Series committee of 10 to 12 people begins preparations for the next year's tournament in the fall.

The tournament takes place over the course of approximately seven days. This includes a media day, a little league clinic and a coaches' banquet along with the baseball games.

Little League teams have special relationships with the tournament teams.

"There are eight Little League teams that 'adopt' a team," said Groth. "When the teams get to town, the little league-

ers meet them at their hotel with cookies. Someone becomes the 'team mom' and they help the team out with things like directions or where to eat."

The Little Leaguers also have the chance to interact with the team in several different ways.

"The kids look at these guys like they're the [Texas] Rangers," said Groth. "Throughout the tournament, they play catch with these guys. Some teams let them be the batboys or stand with them during the national anthem. The arrangement has been positive and it's a way for the community to get involved."

Several local businesses get involved with the tournament each year and contribute in different ways.

"Austin Bank, Azalea Orthopedics and Sportyler are some of our sponsors," said TJC head baseball coach Doug Wren. "We also get food donations through restaurants like Chicken Express and Cici's for our hospitality rooms."

Cavender's Boot City has donated several coaches' gifts over the past few years that have left quite an impression on visiting teams.

"Most D-III baseball teams are from the north, places like New York and Minnesota. The gifts are Texas-themed and the coaches love them," said Groth. "This

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### Baseball

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## Sports CALENDAR

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### Golf

Coached by: Sandy Terry

May 17-20  
NJCAA National Tournament; Scottsboro, AL

### Tennis

Coached by: John Peterson

May 15-20  
NJCAA National Tournament; Plano, TX







Photos by Jarah Wright

**PLAYING THE GAME:** Above: Pitcher Josh Holley throws the first pitch of the second game against Brookhaven College during the K's For Cancer event on April 11. Right: Matt Sheppard eyes catcher Trevor Clifton for the pitch during a game against Cedar Valley College on Feb. 12. Below: Jason Heflin relaxes in the dugout with Coach Hering's son.



Photos by Jarah Wright

**HITTING AND CATCHING THE BALL:** Above: Tyler Ernest fouls the pitch off behind the plate during a game on Feb. 16 against Northeast Texas Community College. Below: Second baseman Ron Reemts fields the ball while warming up between innings during a game on Jan. 29.



SERIES

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is a tradition we've started. We've done cowboy hats, cowboy boots and I think this year's gift is a belt buckle."

According to Groth all of the hard work by the coaches, volunteers and members of the community seems to be paying off.

"Coaches tell us it's their goal to get to Tyler," said Groth. "We are a destination for 100 D-III teams. It's a big deal."

Having the tournament at Mike Carter Field is also special for the TJC baseball team.

"It gives us an incentive to play well," said Wren. "It's fun to score and hear the crowd go wild."

Pitcher Eric Bingham said, "It's a big deal. This is the field that we spend countless hours practicing and playing on so I feel it gives us an edge."

Bingham was the starting pitcher for TJC during the 2010 championship game. According to him, that game meant a lot.

"It has been one of the greatest experiences of my life and an honor," Bingham said. "It was probably the most nervous game of my life."

The future is very promising for the national tournament to stay in Tyler.

"We've got a good product," said Groth. "It's a pro environment and very cozy. The fans enjoy it. Tyler is a friendly place to host. The NJCAA has no motivation to leave."

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Trevor Clifton

"He's a vital part of the team and sees the whole field. He is still learning. He's very consistent and is what makes us go. He understands his role and knows what to do."

Ron Reemts

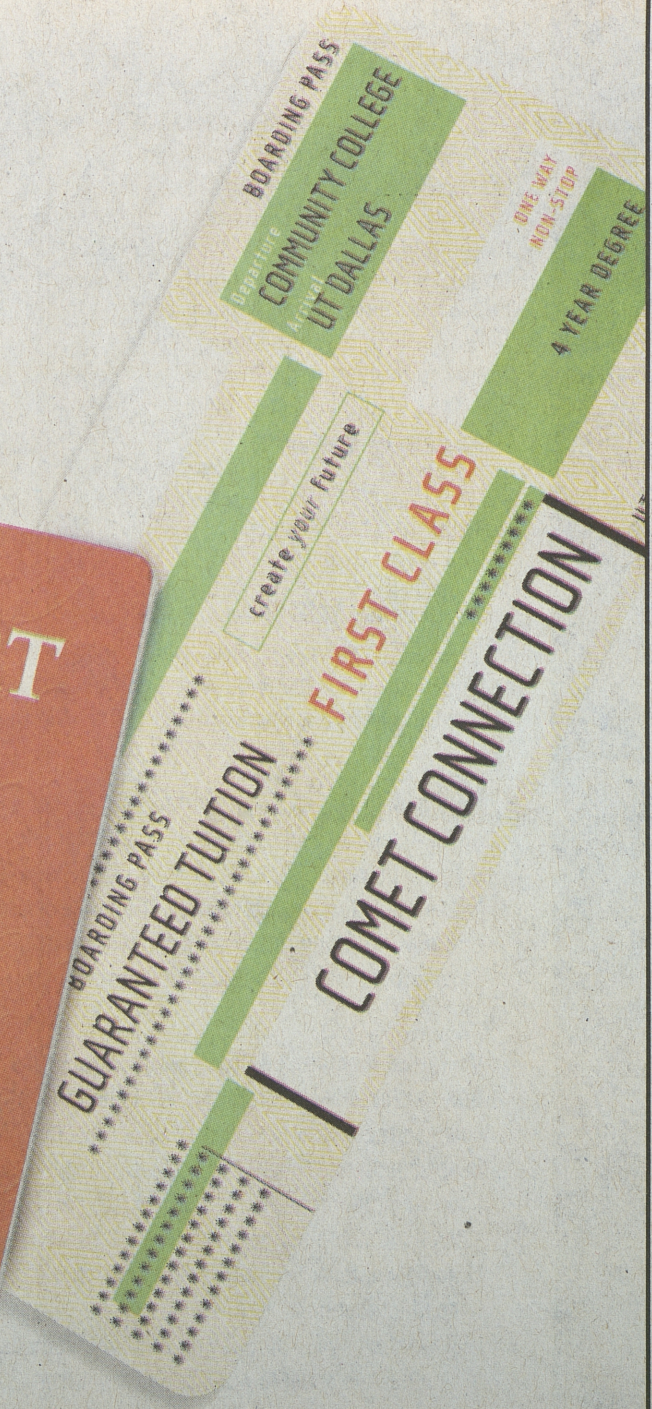
"He has taken strides this year. He's the guy to watch for. He is learning and is only getting better."

Source: Doug Wren, TJC head baseball coach

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## COSTA RICA

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"It ended up being a bit more of an adventure than I bargained for. We were in a very rural area. There were no indoor lights, no indoor plumbing. In fact only, I believe, of the 53 [volunteers] that started only 19 completed the full two years."

On top of the lack of familiar accommodations, the volunteers had to fight parasites, illnesses, culture shock, and the isolation in the Costa Rican village. This Wisconsin farm-boy was more prepared than most for the sacrifices that had to be made to serve.

"Those that wanted to go out and save the world and romanticized what the experience was going to be like did not last very long," Metke said. "You have to be aware of what you're getting out of it."

Which for him, was a great deal.

"Everything about me was impacted. The decisions I made later on were impacted by the service, language, culture, and people there."

Fast-forward 45 years to May 2011. This volunteer's experience touched him in such a way that the school he now presides over is working on their third trip back to the Costa Rican village.

Dr. Mike Metke, president of Tyler Junior College, explained the reasons he feels the experience was one worth sharing with the students of TJC.

"It was something I thought that I could help with in that I had been a Peace Corps Volunteer in that village. We built that school when I was there and over the years it had gotten run down and needed some work," Metke said. "I still have some friends there. It would be a quality experience. The people really take care of things down there. The people helped to do a lot of the building."

Students that participate in Project Costa Rica have the opportunity to help teach, paint, and fix up the facilities, as well as gain valuable cultural experiences.

"I think it is absolutely essential that students be able to function in a global marketplace and to be globally aware and involved," Metke said.

TJC also offers other study abroad programs with connections to Turkey. Metke explained what a great opportunity it is for students to be able to see and experience other languages and cultures affordably.

Brianne Palmer, TJC student, explained why she has de-

cided to participate in Project Costa Rica this summer.

"I want to go to Coast Rica because it is a dream of mine to

**"We all feel pretty strongly that it was an important experience that we wanted to share with our student and help prepare them for a much bigger world."**

study abroad and I am a Spanish major so this trip is going to be amazing for me. I also get the opportunity to do missionary work by donating my time, for three days, to the counselor community service project which is such a blessing."

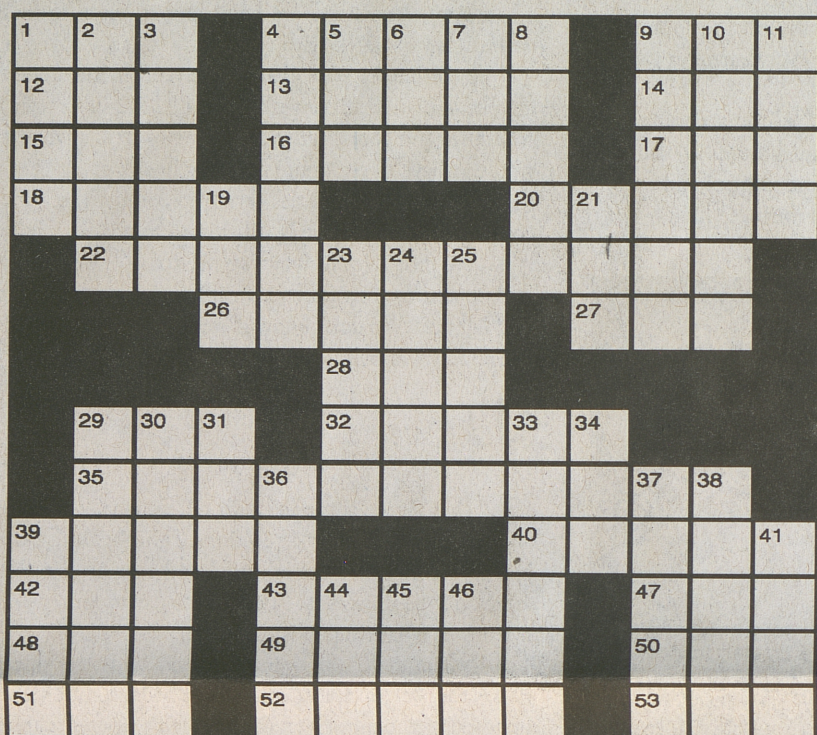
Metke spoke of why he brought his Peace Corps experience to the students of TJC.

"We [those that volunteered] all feel pretty strongly that it was an important experience that we wanted to share with our students to help prepare them for a much bigger world."

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## THE TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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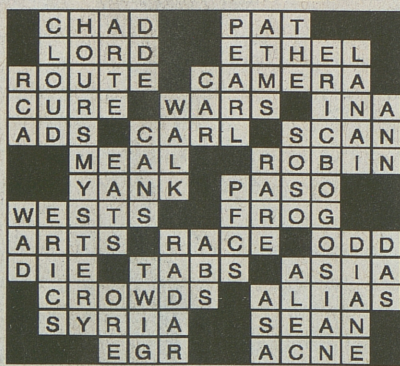
### ACROSS

- 1 "The Bernie \_\_\_ Show"
- 4 "\_\_\_ World Turns"
- 9 "Children of a Lesser \_\_\_"; Oscar-winning film for Marlee Matlin
- 12 Letters before an alias
- 13 Even; balanced
- 14 Paul's cousin on "Mad About You"
- 15 Facial twitch
- 16 Minimum
- 17 Actor Jean-Claude \_\_\_ Damme
- 18 Situation filled with errors
- 20 Buck \_\_\_ of "Hee Haw"
- 22 "\_\_\_ America"; "Today" competitor
- 26 Actor Christopher
- 27 Mao \_\_\_-tung
- 28 Suffix for command or musket
- 29 Find a total
- 32 "Wagon \_\_\_"
- 35 Eric Szmanda's role on "CSI"
- 39 Actor Michael \_\_\_
- 40 Bobby or J.R.
- 42 Quad or dune buggy, for short
- 43 Film about Juan Perón's wife
- 47 Prizm or Metro

### DOWN

- 1 Front porch pads
- 2 Fit for \_\_\_; regal
- 3 Crème de \_\_\_; sweet liqueur
- 4 Refer
- 5 "On a Clear Day You Can \_\_\_ Forever"
- 6 Dam-building agcy. created during the Great Depression
- 7 "\_\_\_ Got the Whole World in His Hands"
- 8 Pianist/singer/songwriter \_\_\_ John
- 9 Actress Robin
- 10 "A Clockwork \_\_\_"
- 11 Rather and Aykroyd
- 19 "No Country \_\_\_ Old Men"
- 21 Funny person
- 23 "Boy \_\_\_ World"
- 24 \_\_\_ barrel; at a disadvantage
- 25 Showed again, as a TV program
- 29 Mystery writer Christie
- 30 Actress Minnie
- 31 Cub Scout group
- 33 High principles
- 34 "The \_\_\_ Adventures of Old Christine"
- 36 Ms. Davis
- 37 "The Price Is \_\_\_"
- 38 Contemptuous look
- 39 "Cold \_\_\_"
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- 44 Actor Kilmer
- 45 "Love \_\_\_ Many-Splendored Thing"
- 46 Light brown

### Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



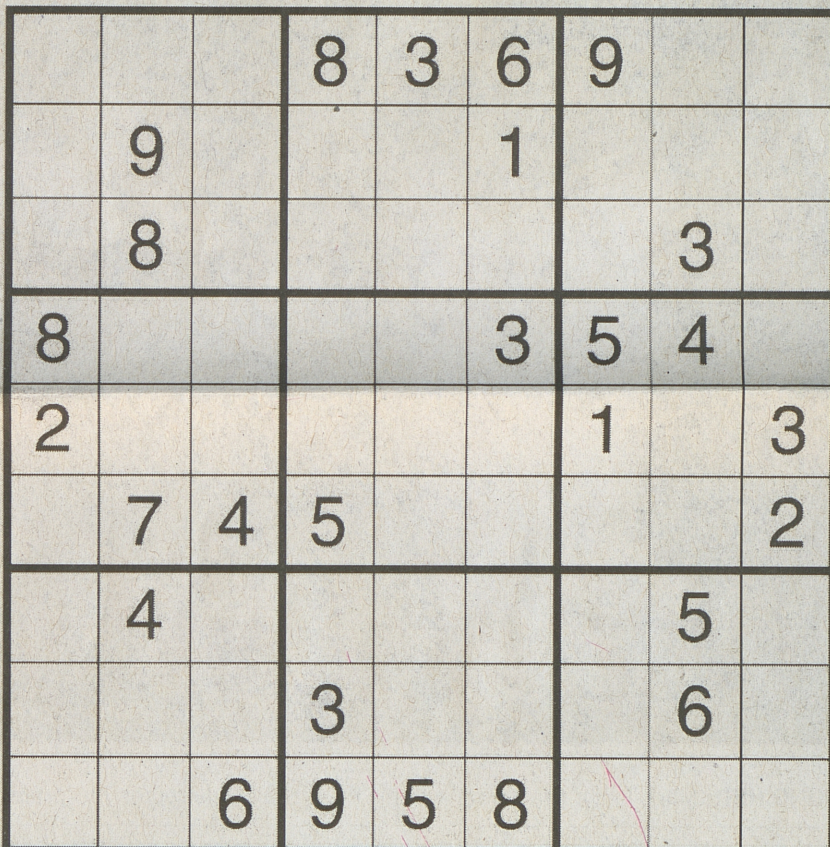
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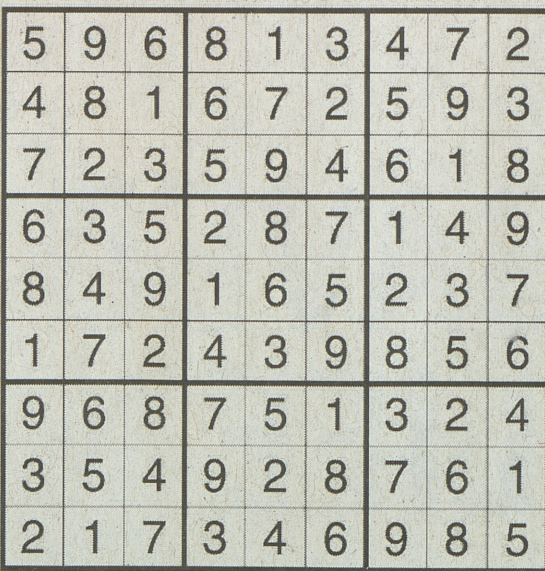
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### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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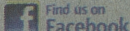
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"I have actually met more people in this little area than I have in my classrooms," said Downs.

Anyone wishing to start a petition to allow smoking areas need only speak to the student senate.



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**'BUTT'ING OUT** TJC maintenance put outside Pirtle Technology building in hopes of keeping the area clean.

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"Mark went last summer, it was his first time," Taylor said. "His therapist that was assigned to him took a little journal and she wrote down everyday what they did and basically it was a memory book for him, and he was given that at the end of the week and they do lots of arts and craft, and as much physical fun things as they can."

"It's a huge blessing," Taylor said. "Without community support and help there wouldn't be as much funds available to pay for the food and the lodging and the utilities and everything that goes into having a fun camp for these kids."



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**KICKING HIGH** Mark Taylor practicing with his martial arts instructor TJC professor Demetrius Hill.

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**EXPIRES 5.31.11 TJC**



# Spring 2011 Final Exam Dates

Day of Final	Final Time	Class Time
9-May	7:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.	MW 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m., MWF 7:25-8:15 a.m.
	9:35 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	MWF 9:35 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.
	11:45 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.	MWF 11:45 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.
	2:20 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	MW 2:20 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.
	5:20 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	MW 5:20 p.m. - 6:35 p.m., M or W 5:20 p.m.
	8:15 p.m. - 10:10 p.m.	MW 8:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., M or W 8:15 p.m.
10-May	8:30 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.	TR 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
	11:30 a.m. - 1:25 p.m.	TR 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
	2:30 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.	TR 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
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11-May	8:30 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.	MWF 8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
	10:40 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.	MWF 10:40 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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	3:50 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	MWF 3:50 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.
	6:50 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.	MW 6:50 p.m. - 8:05 p.m.
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	10:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.	TR 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
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	4:00 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.	TR 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
	7:00 p.m. - 8:55 p.m.	TR 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m., T or R 7:00 p.m.

# A DAY IN THE LIFE

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"I found a convicted, registered sex-offender on campus. He wasn't even supposed to be up here because we have an array of students ranging from eight and nine [years old] on up because we have the ballet program," he said.

He believes avoiding or getting a ticket is each student's choice.

"When it comes to tickets, we don't give them out. They earn them," he said.

While enforcing the lanyard policy, he gets another call over his shoulder-mounted radio. There has been some type of accident outside the southwest side of the student center.

When he arrives, officer Peggy Scott is already on the scene. A female student is sitting on the blacktop of the parking lot. Blood flows from a gash on her knee, the result of her ripping open an old scar. Officer Scott is tending to her.

"Where were you headed," Vickers asks. "Were you headed to class or anything?"

"I was here to take my friend to the doctor," she replied, then gave a small laugh.

Vickers could not suppress his own chuckle as he asked his next question.

"You were here to take your friend to the doctor," he asked.

Turns out that not only was she there to take her friend to the doctor, she was there on her day off and simply took a misstep, tripped and fell. Her friend took her to the hospital. Both the student and officer Scott suspected the busted scar would need stitches.

From there, Vickers resumed patrolling in his car.

As he comes upon a white van, a man reaches out and waves for Vickers to stop. Vickers pulls up alongside the van, lowers the passenger window and speaks to the man. The man, a contractor with an electrical services company, is lost and looking for Interstate 20.

Vickers gives the man directions. He says that giving directions is a routine part of job.

"We give out a whole lot of information, not even college-related," he said. "We have to be prepared with information."

He considered that constant demand for information when he designed the training manual for the ambassadors. That manual includes all of the building codes, advisor information, support services and all types of numbers so they can call different departments.

"One thing I strive to do is prevent the campus runaround," he said. "When visitors come up here, the last thing they want to do is go to Pirtle Technology and they were simply supposed to be at White Administration and that's where they parked. Can you imagine their frustration?"

Another call comes across the radio, this one for a student needing their car jump-started. Vickers is grateful for having the car instead of the portable battery-boosters they used to use. The cars have an over-sized alternator and connectors that hang in front of the grill. The combination makes boosting fast and easy. Except for a bit of dirt on his hands, it proves to be a low-grime task. Within minutes, the student's car is running.

He gets back in his car and heads back to the Campus Safety office. It has been a busier than normal Friday morning for officer Vickers. Throughout it, he has smiled during nearly every interaction with students and staff.

And with his newly repaired tire, he is eager to get out of the car and back on his bike. Because that is where he gets the greatest sense of being a member of the community he has served for the past 15 years.

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# APACHES IN



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**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:** Top left: One art student works on a sculpture of himself during class. Right: Tommy Woolridge looks for an open man during the game against Trinity Valley Community College on Feb. 19. Below: Tuba players practice diligently during a Wind Ensemble rehearsal on Feb. 3. Bottom left: Logan Hicks prepares for his part in "Into the Woods."



**SMILING FOR THE CAMERA:** Above: Michael Warren and Ciara Mason, President and Vice-President of the Black Student Association, strike a pose by the duck pond in front of Wise Auditorium. Below: Jordan Frances and Allie Sendejo campaign for Student Senate.



Photos by Katavious Daniel



Photos by Reginald White, Katavious Daniel and Jarah Wright

**REFLECTING STYLE:** Top left: A rocking piece of art hangs in Vaughn Hall. Top right: Fatou Cham represents the country of Gambia during International Day on April 19. Bottom: Josh Salmon slides safely into first base beating the throw for an infield single against Northeast Texas Community College on Feb. 16.

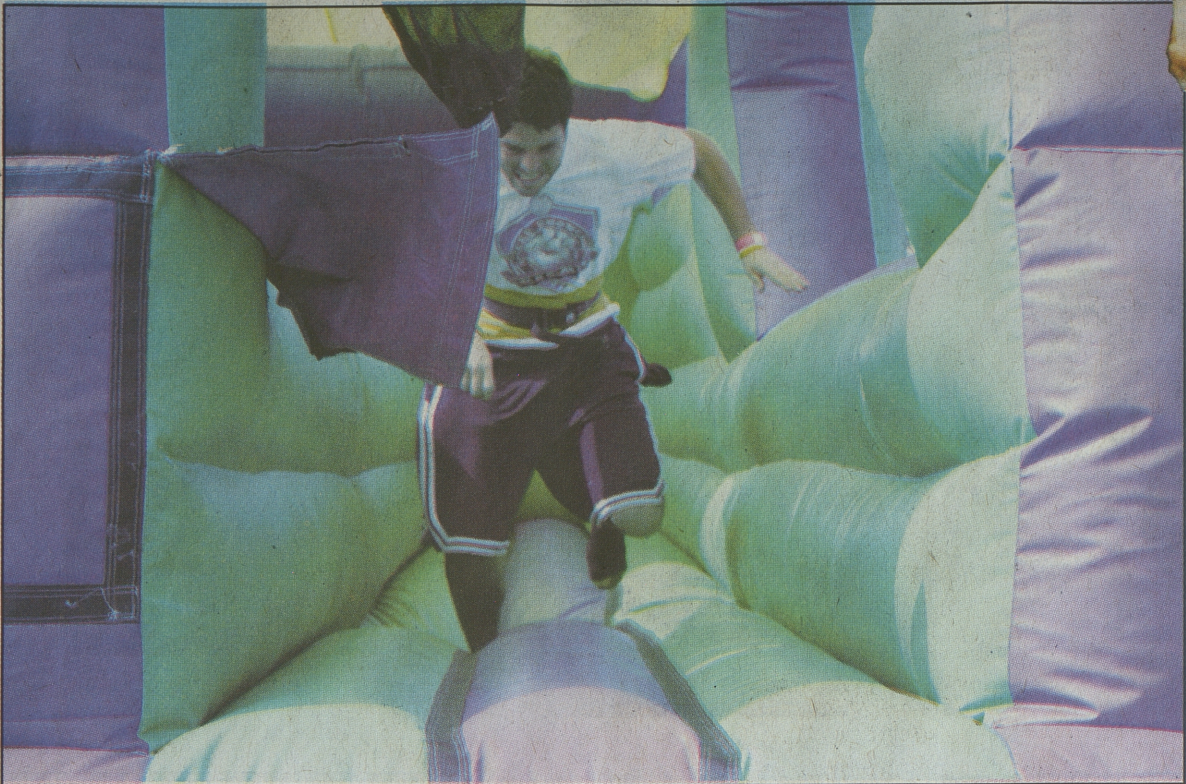


**CONSTRUCTING IMPROVEMENTS:** This bulldozer as well as other pieces of heavy construction equipment have been working outside of Potter Hall. Construction on campus has also included the Genecov building as well as Hudnall Planetarium.

Photo by Reginald White



# ACTION



Photos by Joshua Mumphrey and Mollie Jamison

**HAVING FUN:** Above: Tyler Atwell, soccer manager, runs as fast as he can to beat his opponent in the Bungee Run during Spring Fling on April 25. Below: Yo! Jeff, a hip-hop date doctor, emcees You Got Game on March 22.



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**SHOWING THEIR PRIDE** Left: Cheerleaders show their TJC spirit at the practice performance of the cheerleader's national routine. Above: One student rides the mechanical bull during Spring Fling on April 25. Right: Joe Noah, on left, and Joseph Martinez, on right, represent the Comanche nation on International Day.



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**CONCENTRATING:** Far left: Several TJC students take the time to catch up on their reading by Wise Auditorium. Above: Sun Wen watches where her serve goes during a match against UT Dallas.



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**PLAYING HARD:** Left: Vasili Caripi eyes his serve during a match against UT-Dallas on Feb. 21. Right: Nick Jadvani stares ahead while playing his snare drum and hitting his set during an Indoor Drumline practice on April 9.





# Summer in East Texas



## Summer activities students can do around town

Content by Karena Love  
Staff Writer

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The Villages Indoor Water Park

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Caldwell Zoo

### Parks

**Bergfield Park**, located off Broadway Ave. and College Ave. in Tyler, between Fourth and Fifth Streets. This park features picnic areas, restrooms, tennis courts, playgrounds and amphitheater. Bergfield is a great place for a beautiful sunny summer day outing.

For More Information: [www.cityoftyler.org](http://www.cityoftyler.org)

Summer Hours: Sun up to Sun down.

**Fun Forest Park**, 2000 W Forest Ave. Tyler. This park has picnic areas, restrooms, tennis courts, playgrounds, basketball courts and an Olympic- sized swimming pool.

Summer Hours:

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Tuesdays & Thurs

@ 10:00 a.m.;

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